1 2 3 \*E-FILED\* October 3, 2005 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 No. C 05-02049 PVT (RS) STEVEN SMITH, 12 Plaintiff, 13 ORDER EXCUSING ATTENDANCE AT SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE 14 BIGGIE CRANE AND RIGGING, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD: 18 By letter dated September 27, 2005, Steven Smith, through his counsel, Christopher Ashworth, 19 requested that he be excused from personally appearing at the settlement conference scheduled for 20 October 7, 2005. No opposition was filed by any party. 21 Upon consideration of the request, the Court finds good cause for excusing personal attendance. 22 Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Steven Smith be available by telephone from 9:30 a.m. Pacific 23 Standard Time until further notice on October 7, 2005. 24 If the court concludes that the absence of Steven Smith is interfering with the settlement conference, 25 the Court may continue the settlement conference and may order personal attendance by 26 /// 27 28

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each party including Steven Smith.  IT IS SO ORDERED.	
Dated: October 3, 2005	/s/ Richard Seeborg RICHARD SEEBORG United States Magistrate Judge

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## 1 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT NOTICE OF THIS ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY **PROVIDED TO** 2 3 Jason Chen Zhao, Esq. Email: zhao@lbbslaw.com 4 Jennifer A. Riso, Esq. 5 Email: jriso@braggdzlaw.com Mark S. Lee, Esq. Email: mlee@npllaw.com 7 Michael S. Treppa, Esq. 8 Email: mtreppa@akclawfirm.com 9 John Skelton, Esq. Email: jskelton@slg.com 10 Counsel are responsible for distributing copies of this document to co-counsel who have not registered for 11 e-filing under the court's CM/ECF program. 12 13 Dated: October 3, 2005 14 15 CHAMBERS OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE RICHARD SEEBORG 16 By: /s/ *BAK* 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28